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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

High Performance Suture

and invented by:

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Enclosed are **Application Elements**:

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[X] Specification having 12 page(s) and including the following:
- [X] Title of the Invention
- [ ] Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
- [X] Background of the Invention
- [X] Brief Summary of the Invention
- [X] Description of the Drawings
- [X] Description of the Preferred Embodiment
- [X] Claim(s) as Classified Below
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[ ] Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*

**Accompanying Application Parts**

[ ] Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
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[ ] Preliminary Amendment
[X] Acknowledgment postcard
[X] Application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
[X] Application Data Sheet
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**The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment noted above.*

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
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| **For** | **#Filed** | **#Allowed** | **#Extra** | **Rate** | **Fee** |
| **Total Claims** | 33 | - 20 = | 12 | X $ 18.00 | $ 216.00 |
| **Independent Claims** | 2 | - 3 = | 0 | X $ 86.00 | $ 0.00 |
| **Multiple Dependent Claims** *(check if applicable)* [ ] | | | | | $ 0.00 |
| | | | | **BASIC FEE** | $ 770.00 |
| | | | | **SUBTOTAL** | $ 986 .00 |
| (Application is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) | | | | adjusted small entity status claim fees [rate ÷ 2] **SMALL ENTITY STATUS** | YES -493.00 |
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1. Transmittal letter;
2. Application Data Sheet;
3. Specification/Claims/Abstract 12 pages
   (Specification & Abstract / 7 pages; Claims 33 / 5 pages);
4. 5 sheets of informal drawings;
5. Declaration for Patent Application (unexecuted); and
6. Return Receipt postcard.

Each of the 6 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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